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GASOLINE RATION CUT IN NORTHEASTERN SHORTAGE AREA

This War Regulations Bulletin is being distributed only in the following states, which are in the Northeastern shortage area:

Connecticut	Maryland	New York
Delaware	Massachusetts	Rhode Island
District of Columbia	New Hampshire	Vermont
Maine	New Jersey	
Pennsylvania (except that portion which lies within the corporate limits of the cities of Sharon, Sharpsville, Farrell and Wheatland)		West Virginia (but only that portion which lies within and east of the counties of Mineral, Grant and Pendleton.)
Virginia (except the portions which lie within the corporate limits of the cities of Bristol and Bluefield)		

CUT IN CURRENT GASOLINE RATION

Because of the increasing drain upon supplies of gasoline along the East coast as a result of the war, OPA and ODT have cut by 40% existing commercial gasoline rations in the Northeastern shortage area, which covers the states listed above. This cut is made in two ways:

- (1) The existing "T" coupons which would normally expire on July 1, 1943, are extended until July 25, 1943, and most commercial vehicle operators will be required to get along until July 25 without additional coupons.
- (2) ODT will, in certain cases, revoke or modify the mileage and gasoline allowances in the Certificate of War Necessity and require turning in of excess coupons to ODT.

B. PRIORITY GIVEN REA COOPERATIVES FOR GASOLINE

In order to insure the continuance of essential transportation, despite the shortage, the Office of Defense Transportation has issued a priority list of industries which will be given preference in obtaining supplemental gasoline rations in those cases where gasoline ration remaining after essential use is insufficient for essential operation.

The highest priority is AA-1; the second highest priority is A-1. There are two lower priorities - A-2 and A-3. REA cooperatives are given the second priority of A-1 (Very Critical), as they are designated in the War Relocation Authority's list of essential industries, under No. 3.01, as

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including the production, generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy following for general use by the public: viz., electric energy."

C. HOW COOPERATIVES CAN OBTAIN ADDITIONAL GASOLINE RATIONS

If a cooperative will be unable to operate its trucks for essential maintenance services until July 25th on its existing ration, it should immediately appeal to ODT for an adjustment in its Certificate of War Necessity to allow an additional gasoline ration.

In like manner, if ODT reduces the amount of mileage and gasoline allowance in the cooperative's Certificate of War Necessity, requesting surrender of excess coupons, the cooperative should appeal to ODT for additional gasoline if it will not have enough to operate its trucks for essential maintenance.

Appeals should be filed on Form CWN 5 S in the case of single vehicles, or CWN 5 F if the cooperative operates a fleet of commercial vehicles. The Form should be filed at the nearest ODT office. ODT offices are listed in War Regulations Bulletin No. 20, pages 4 and 5.

A letter should accompany the application, stating that the applicant is an REA cooperative performing the same functions as a public utility supplying electricity for general use by the public.

If ODT raises any question as to treating cooperatives the same as public utilities with respect to according the cooperative a priority for additional gasoline ration, it should be pointed out that ODT Memorandum No. 13 to all regional and district offices early this year stated that trucks operated by REA cooperatives should be treated in the same manner as trucks operated by public utilities with respect to appeals from insufficient gasoline allowances on Certificates of War Necessity. It may also be helpful to call to the attention of the Office of Defense Transportation a copy of War Regulations Bulletin No. 13, paragraph I thereof, which contains a quotation from another ODT Memorandum stating that REA cooperatives are to be treated the same as public utilities with respect to operating trucks for essential maintenance and operation.

The letter accompanying the Form should also set forth the cooperative's supply record for the previous year and its present need for gasoline should be supported by a statement showing its present operational demands and refer to the cooperative's essential contribution to the war effort through increase in production of food, services to war loads, etc.

If a cooperative is unable to obtain sufficient gasoline after appealing to its local ODT office, it should communicate immediately with the War Regulations Unit, Office of the Solicitor, RE Division, Boatmen's Bank Building (2), St. Louis, Missouri.

GASOLINE RATIONS FOR THIRD QUARTER OF 1943

Boards in the Northeastern shortage area will have authority for the third quarter of 1943 only up to 44% of the amount authorized in the Certificate of War Necessity. Since this amount is insufficient for most cooperatives, they should appeal to ODT for a new Certificate of War Necessity authorizing additional gasoline rations, a

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